

LESSON

3

PRACTICE WORKSHEET B

COPYMASTER

Characterization

Directions: Read each of the passages. Circle the answer that tells *both* the method or methods of **characterization** (some items might have more than one method) and the inference about a **character's traits**.

1. A second after Martin fell from his bike, Esteban began laughing and pointing.
 - a. *direct comment*: shows that Martin is sensitive
 - b. *character's actions*: show that Esteban is insensitive
 - c. *physical description*: shows that Martin is foolish
 - d. *what another character thinks*: shows that Esteban is concerned
2. "Don't worry about it," Brandy said to Selma, "pay me back when you can."
 - a. *direct comment*: shows that Brandy is generous
 - b. *character's actions*: show that Brandy is a tattletale
 - c. *physical description*: shows that Selma is humble
 - d. *what another character thinks*: shows that Brandy is sarcastic
3. "He won't get away with this again," Brandon thought. As Chuck swaggered over, chest puffed out, Brandon put up his fists to protect himself.
 - a. *direct comment*: shows that Brandon is sensitive
 - b. *character's actions*: show that Chuck is outgoing
 - c. *physical description and character's actions*: show that Chuck is a bully
 - d. *what another character thinks*: shows that Brandon is shy
4. Mr. Miekman was skinny and knobby, like a dry bamboo stick. "I'm sorry, Officer, truly sorry," he squeaked softly, "but, but, where is Elm Street?"
 - a. *direct comment*: shows that Mr. Miekman is kind
 - b. *character's actions*: shows that Mr. Miekman is irritable
 - c. *physical description and what another character thinks*: show that the officer is irritable
 - d. *physical description and character's speech and actions*: show that Mr. Miekman is meek